

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated January 18, 2005. Claims 1 to 9, 11 to 17, 19 to 35, 37 to 43, 45 to 61, 63 to 69, 71 to 87, 89 to 95, and 97 to 104 are in the application, of which Claims 1, 26, 27, 52, 53, 78, 79 and 104 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for his indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 10, 14, 23 to 25, 36, 40, 49 to 51, 62, 66, 75 to 77, 88, 92 and 101 to 103. Based on that indication, the following language has been incorporated into each of the independent claims. This language is based on the substance of allowable Claim 10 together with part of allowable Claim 14:

wherein the directory entry is formatted according to a standardized schema, and wherein the standardized schema of the directory entry includes a source-flag to indicate the source of the directory entry.

Corresponding changes have been made to the dependent claims.

It is therefore believed that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 1 to 9, 11 to 13, 15 to 17, 19 to 22, 26 to 35, 37 to 39, 41 to 43, 45 to 48, 52 to 61, 63 to 65, 67 to 69, 71 to 74, 78 to 87, 89 to 91, 93 to 95, 97 to 100 and 104 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent 6,560,644 (Lautmann) in view of U.S. Patent 6,052,724 (Willie). The foregoing actions were taken without prejudice or disclaimer or subject matter, and without conceding the correctness of these rejections, in an effort to advance this case more rapidly toward allowance.

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